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Franki

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The **Franki**, or **Frank Ones**, were one of the earliest Nordling[↗] groups to venture deep inland.

The Franki	
Significant Populations	
Majority	Franq
Minority	Northern Kaedwen[↗], Vespaden[↗], Moctai, Haakgan
Languages	
Primary	Nordling Common[↗]
Minor	Weska, Unen
Religion	
Majority	Nordling Pantheon[↗]
Related ethnic groups	
Known	Toussaintois[↗], other Nordling[↗] groups

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History

8th century

As the first reliable written sources in Northern Realms[↗] were not written until well into the 11th century after the Resurrection, the earliest history of the Franki is known mostly from oral traditions.

Ancestors of the Franki are said to have arrived a few years after the Landing of the Exiles[↗]. They sailed past the earlier settlements founded by the Exiles in the Pontar Delta[↗] down the Pontar and Ismena rivers, where one of the Franki chieftains, Dezmod[↗], settled in an abandoned city he named Vizima[↗] and founded the Kingdom of Temeria[↗].

Another Franki chieftain, one Wilhelm the Bold, moved southeast, conquering parts of what now is Toussaint[↗], Dol Angra[↗], and the Wastelands[↗]; his son Ludovic[↗] would go on to topple the Aen Seidhe king Divethaf[↗].

Other Franki tribes pushed northeast through the Kestrel Mountains[↗], being the first humans to penetrate modern Kaedwen[↗], where they founded a small valley chiefdom called Frankthal[↗]. In an abandoned elven palace they named Elsborg[↗], they founded one of the first major temples devoted to the goddess Melitele[↗].

Beyond the Blue Mountains

Over the centuries the Franki tribal identity has diminished, replaced in most of the Norlding lands by national identities such as Temerians or Toussaintois. A distinct Frank identity, however, is still shared by descendants of Franki settlers east of the Blue Mountains[↗]. Their fiefdoms, tributaries to the Haaki Ulus, are concentrated primarily in the area called Frenk or Franq and mint a shared currency named Franc.

Naming customs

Modern Franki names east of the Blue Mountains often resemble real world Romanian, Hungarian, and Turkish names.

First names

- Male – Alpar, Arpad, Aydemir, Dakyan, Dekebal, Dede, Deniz, Devlet, Dezmod, Dmitr, Dragosh, Erkan, Franko, Frankelin, Fuat, Gheorghe, Ludevik, Kalib, Mariush, Marton, Mihayl, Myodrag, Petru, Tihomir, Timur, Trayan,

Vasile, Vilhem, Vlad, Vudrag, Xandru, Yosen, Yosif
- Female – Aleyna, Ana, Asena, Elena, Frana, Frankeska, Frankilena, Funda, Gizem, Ilayda, Kodrina, Krina, Mara, Marikela, Milena, Myoara, Nuta, Olgha, Ramona, Sofya, Sorina, Stela, Uta, Vyoleta, Vyorika, Xandra

Family names

Franki surnames can be created by adding "-esku" or "-oglu" to a parent name (for example, a child of Dmitr can have a surname "Dmitresku" or "Dmitroglu").

Other common surnames include:

Barbu, Bronn, Kerchez, Kyobanu, Dundar, Ender, Garin, Idsardi, Irmak, Moraru, Popesku, Raresh, Roshu, Tepesh, Vidraru, Zimbrean

Notable Franki

Ancient

- Dezmod[↗]
- Wilhelm the Bold[↗]
- Ludovic[↗]

Modern

- Josen Garin[↗]
- Calib Bronn[↗]

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